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TITLE: Zirconium alloy tube, used as a nuclear fuel rod  
cladding tube or a nuclear fuel assembly guide  
tube, is  
produced

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#### BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - A zirconium alloy tube is produced by heat treatment, extrusion and cold rolling of a zirconium-niobium alloy of relatively high total iron and chromium or vanadium content.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - A tube is produced by subjecting a rod of zirconium alloy, which contains (by wt.) 0.03-0.30% total Fe and Cr or V, 0.8-1.3% Nb, less than 300 ppm Sn, less than 1600 ppm O, less than 100 ppm C, 5-30 ppm S and less than 50 ppm Si, to water quenching from 1000-1200 deg. C, extrusion at 600-800 deg. C, cold rolling in four or more passes with intermediate anneals at 560-620 deg. C and final annealing at 560-620 deg. C, all the heat treatments being carried out in an inert atmosphere or under vacuum.

USE - For production of a nuclear fuel rod cladding tube or a nuclear fuel assembly guide tube, especially a fuel rod cladding tube for a PWR.

ADVANTAGE - The tube contains intermetallic compounds (Laves phase) of Zr(Nb, Fe, Cr)<sub>2</sub> type which reduces the quantity of beta phase niobium

precipitates and  
the solid solution niobium content to provide increased resistance to  
corrosion  
by lithium-containing media, without affecting the uniform corrosion  
resistance  
at about 400 deg. C and without requiring an excessive number of  
rolling  
operations during tube production.

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